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LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT NEAR OIL PSUS IN MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government are aware of new construction and development coming up near Oil PSUs at Mahul Mumbai;

(b) if so, whether the local residents, MP and also Oil PSUs have drawn attention of his Ministry towards security threat in this area;

(c) if so, whether his Ministry has taken serious note of the same;

(d) if so, whether BPCL, HPCL, IOC have written to his Ministry and to the Ministry of Home Affairs in this regard; and

(e) if so, the observations made by them and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

a) to c) : Yes, Sir. Representations have been received relating to security hazards caused due to traffic congestion on the roads leading to the two refineries of HPCL and BPCL at Mumbai and alleged unauthorised constructions in their vicinity.

d) & e) : The matter has been taken up by the effected PSUs, BPCL & HPCL with the concerned Central & State Governmen authorities/agencies.

The Government of Maharashtra has been requested to initiate the following actions:-

(i) Removal of congestion of traffic along the roads approaching HPCL and BPCL refineries at Mumbai including other installations such as Tata Electric, IDBL, BARC etc., and regulating, construction of residential colonies in the vicinity of these undertakings;

(ii) Early completion of acquisition proceedings of land for BPCL contiguous to the Refinery to help elimination of the potential security threat to the Refinery; and

(iii) Advise the Collector, Mumbai Suburban District, to remove the container storage activity of M/s. Bombay Industrial Corporation in the vicinity of HPCL Refinery.